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Hongkong, 27th March, 1905. [22]

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SHANGHAI	COROMANDEL ..... G. M. Moniford, R.N.R.	About 7th April	Freight and Passage.
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Hongkong, 25th March, 1905. [2]

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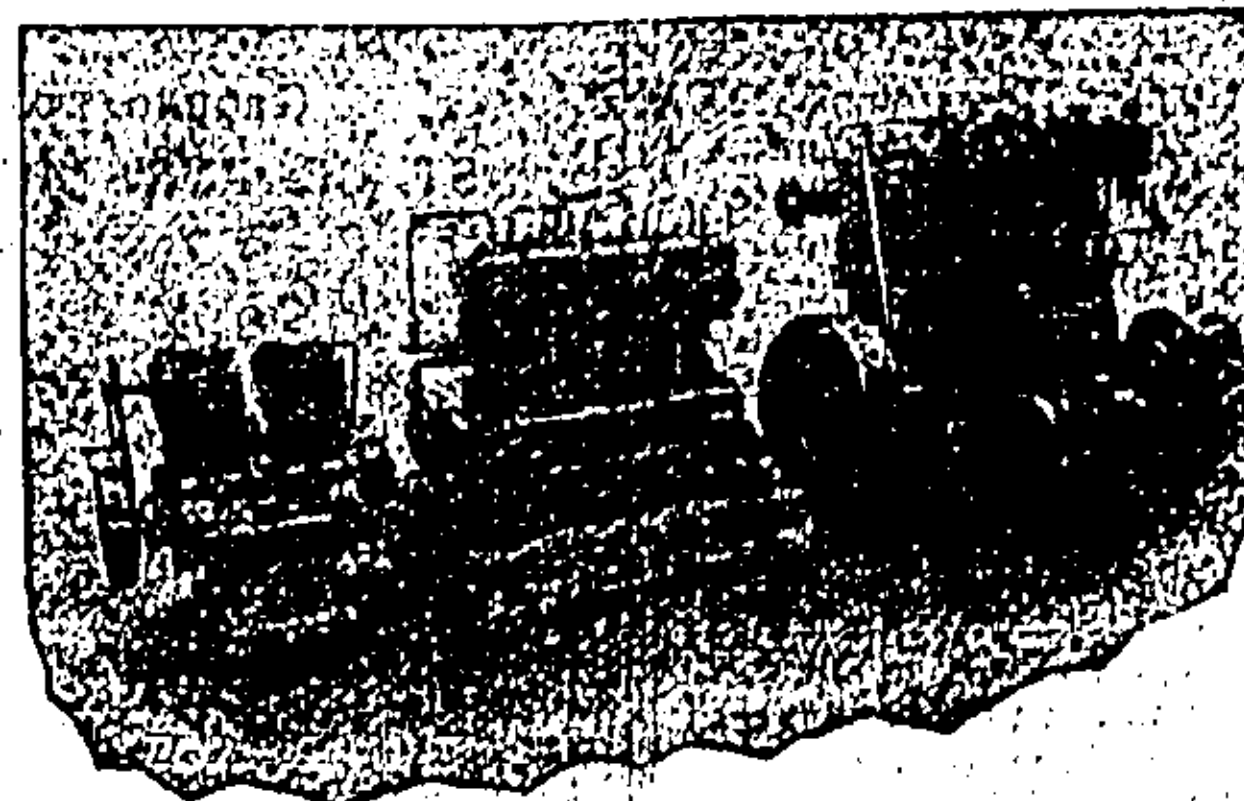
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Hongkong, 7th February, 1905. [26]

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Hongkong, 8th December, 1904.

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## BIRTH.

On 15th March, at Tsouping, Shantung, to Mr. and Mrs. A. E. GREENING (E.B.M.), a daughter.

## DEATHS.

On 15th March, 1905, on board the Pacific mail s.s. *Korea*, JAMES HENRY SIMMONS, Lower Yangtze Pilot, aged 38 years. Buried at sea.

On 20th of March, at 40, Peking Road, Shanghai, ERNEST SCHMIDT, aged 32 years.

## The Hongkong Telegraph

HONGKONG, MONDAY, MARCH 27, 1905.

## PEACE IN SOMALILAND.

There is no getting away from the fact that what the British trader often forgets is that the commercial track he treads so gaily is almost invariably marked by the blood of his country's troops. Indeed, when we come to study the history of the growth of the British Empire for the last three centuries, at almost every point the conclusion is forced home that the great war-maker has been the peace-loving trader himself. He demands new markets for British manufactures and the security of the old ones and the result is that vast areas of territory are absorbed without any idea as to the responsibilities connected with them. Telegraphic information has lately been received from General Swayne, the Commissioner and Consul General for the Somaliland Protectorate, stating that Mohammed Abdullah, or "the Mad Mullah," has sent a deputation to Berbera, and that peace has been concluded. This news will be received with satisfaction as bringing to a close a melancholy affair with a Mussulman zealot for the possession of a slice of an African province only a little smaller than France. Moreover, it should teach us that if we gain advantages by widening our boundaries, we also incur responsibilities in securing for its inhabitants the opportunity for that prosperity which is undoubtedly a needful basis of civilisation. The little war has been going on for the greater part of five years, and we are afraid that the bill in blood and treasure, when it comes to be totted up, will be a rather alarming one. It was unfortunate that the magnitude of the Mullah's movement was not realised long since, when if the region was thought to be worth fighting for, a properly equipped expedition might have been organised at the outset. This, of course, is where the mistake was made. It was our business, in return for the territory, to have stopped the devastation that was being committed by the mad Prophet, and instead of this we failed to give the gallant Colonel forces sufficient for the undertaking. For three years, in three distinct campaigns, weak detachments were despatched to Somaliland, and on each occasion the marauder handled them severely. The Mullah was no new and unknown enemy. Practically ever since Great Britain assumed the protectorate of Somaliland in 1884 he had been a more or less conspicuous figure in Somali life, and although it was so long after as March of 1890 that the real story opened, we might have learned that he was no ordinary peasant making pilgrimages to Mecca and, therefore, not to be regarded in the light of a militant saint. Five years ago the British Consul General at Berbera learned that a Mullah, or Prophet, was collecting arms and men on the southern confines of Somaliland, and did not at first regard his doings with much interest. Correspondence was exchanged and the man seemed a model Mullah, and considered as being upon the side of law and order. A few weeks later, however, he threw off his mask, and showed himself in his real light by raiding tribes within British territory. After one of his invasions of Abyssinia and Somaliland, in the course of which a large number of natives were killed or enslaved, the Emperor Menelik and the British Government each sent out an expedition to effect his capture. The former was unsuccessful, but the British force was more fortunate, as it succeeded in dispersing the forces of the fanatic, who, however, managed to escape and take refuge for several months among the Dalmanti tribe to the South-west of our territory. Not long afterwards he again assembled some of his partisans and again invaded British Somaliland, attacking the tribes under the protection of our Government, which then sent a new expedition against

him. Things, however, appeared to go badly with our own forces, and urgent appeals for more men from the officers conducting the war met with an indifferent response. The attitude of the Mullah grew more and more menacing, and it was found useless to leave him alone, for the moment that Abdullah left himself unopposed he took the aggressive. At length, after a series of reverses the Government realised that, at whatever cost, the Mad Mullah should be disposed of finally, and so drew upon India for reinforcements, and not until these men were to hand was Colonel Swayne able to extricate himself from a tight corner. The small war developed into a big campaign which has since been shown to have been adequate to prevent the Mad Mullah from menacing Somaliland. It is to be hoped that the Government will be able to satisfy the British nation that the game was really worth the candle. On broad grounds we can see no vestige of an excuse for an attempt on the part of Great Britain to exercise sovereignty in Somaliland. We have no benefits to confer, and nothing whatever to gain. Neither have we made pretence of taking up the white man's burden, and certainly have acknowledged no duties to the tribes from whom we expect obedience.

## LOCAL AND GENERAL.

JAPAN will soon have 100,000 Russian prisoners in the country.

Two hundred mail bags were destroyed on the 7th by a fire on a train proceeding westward from Kobe on the Sanyo railway.

In the semi-final tie in the Football Challenge Shield on Saturday the Royal West Kent beat H.M.S. *Albion* by two goals to nil.

An account of the launching, at Shanghai, of the C. N. S. *Siam*, built to the order of Messrs. Butterfield and Swire, is printed on the third page.

The eleventh race in connection with the Royal Hongkong Yacht Club was sailed yesterday in the harbour and resulted in a win for *Elphelt* with *Dione* second.

Mr. Baker, sub-manager of the Hongkong and Shanghai Bank, Yokohama, was presented by the Emperor before leaving for home with the Third Order of the Sacred Treasure.

M. HADOUIN, chief of the Governor General's Cabinet in Indo-China, and recently in charge of the French Consulate at Canton was a passenger to Saigon by the last outward French mail.

THE Emigration Department on the North has issued a notification to all the local officials that a new recruiting licence will be issued for the current year, red in colour, and agents using last year's licence must be detained if found.

THE *Japan Daily Mail* says that General Kuropatkin cannot be supposed to have sent to St. Petersburg the dispatches attributed to him in their published form. Whatever reputation he possessed as a strategist is now buried under the absurdities attributed to him by his own Government.

ANOTHER of those sad fatalities which have occurred in Shanghai within the last few days has been recorded and in which the unfortunate victim has met with fatality through his own hand. The latest victim to self-destruction was Mr. F. Schmidt, an employee in the firm of Messrs. Gipperich and Co., of 4 Peking Road, Shanghai, who perpetrated the terrible tragedy last Monday afternoon by shooting himself with a pistol.

THE charitable institutes and native gentry of Canton have conjointly petitioned the local authorities to the effect that in view of many reckless youths within the limits of Chauchow having been kidnapped and sold abroad as slaves, against their will, drastic measures should be adopted to uproot the evil. Therefore, continued the petition, the local officials responsible should be given the necessary instructions, and the different ports should be reinforced.—*Sinwunpao*.

It, as is stated, notice of appeal has been given in the *Chang Ye v. Bawa* case, very considerable delay will, of course, ensue in the final settlement of the questions at issue. The case will in such event go up to the Court of Appeal first, and conceivably thence to the House of Lords, in which case it is impossible to estimate any period for the final decision. The possibilities of protraction when once a dispute embarks on a legal journey of this kind are limitless in their elasticity as most people know, and unless a compromise is effected a vast expenditure of both money and patience will be (P. & T. Times) fear be necessary on the part of all connected with the case.

A MOST enjoyable dinner was given at the Shanghai Club the other evening by Messrs. Landale and McKie to celebrate the victory of Coltsold in the Hongkong Derby which took place in the Happy Valley in February last. About thirty sportsmen sat down to enjoy the best of good things the Club could provide, and an excellent dinner was the result. There were a number of speeches made and as was only to be expected Ewo and the well-known blue and silver colours were the chief topics referred to. A few expressions of opinion were made as to what would happen at the coming meeting here, some were booked, and backed by a few, of which, says the *Shanghai Times*, many Mexicans must be lost and won in May next.

COMMUNICATION with Amoy, Shanghai and stations beyond, by the Great Northern Telegraph Co's cable was restored on Saturday afternoon. In consequence, there is no longer any delay upon traffic with the Eastern Extension cable.

It is reported that General Linievitch was appointed Commander-in-chief of the Manchurian Army because other Generals, senior to him, refused to take over the responsibility. Public opinion in Europe considers him scarcely capable for the chief command.

At midnigh yesterday a report of the outbreak of a fire at the corner of Western Street and Des Vaux Road was made to the Brigade, who in charge of Chief Inspector Baker repaired to the scene and found that a pile of gunny bags stored in the premises had been in flames. Their services, however, were not required, as the police from No. 7 Police Station had extinguished the fire. The damage was slight, nothing but the bags being destroyed and a portion of the floor and wall charred.

THERE was a fairly good audience at the Theatre Royal on Saturday night, when the Dallas-Randmann Opera Company produced "The Orchid" for the fourth time. The shocking state of the weather, doubtless, had a disheartening effect on every one, but the merry piece went merrily and the pretty songs and music were followed intently by those present. "Little Mary" was as popular and produced as much mirth as ever. As the result of the ballot, "The Girl from Kays" will be given to-night and to-morrow night, which sees the final performance this season, "The Country Girl" will be played.

WHEN H. R. H. the Minister of the Interior was up the little known Petchaboon river recently, says the *Bangkok Times*, he discovered the ruins of an old city, of which there does not seem to be any record. The ruins lie in the middle of the jungle about six miles from the river. This city was built of a conglomerate stone, and the temples of a brown stone and granite. Brick seems to have been used for building on top of the stone. Many idols were found, of a Bramin character; and a number of inscriptions in Sanskrit. It was a walled city, a mile square or more. The remains of the walls and moats exist. These ruins lie between Gengko and Petchaboon, but the nearest town of any size is Sarabury, about 140 miles away.

A CARPENTER, who has been without work in Canton for some time, came to Hongkong yesterday, and by way of his first employment has started on a three months' job in the gaol. He was strolling down Queen's Road when a hair-pin worn by a passing Chinese woman took his fancy. He snatched it and ran, but the woman's screams and cries of "steal pin" caused a *lukung* to seize the sprinter, who, when placed before Mr. J. H. Kemp this morning, was given three months with the addition of 12 strokes with the birch, and six hours' exposure in the stocks. This proper severity was dealt out to him owing to the fact that when searched at the station a packet of pepper, such as is used by this class of criminal for throwing into the eyes of their intended victims, was found on his person.

THE news of the death of one of the oldest missionaries in China, Bishop Volonteri, of the Roman Catholic Mission, says the Kaiping correspondent of the *N. C. D. News* on the 12th inst., was received there recently with deep regret and sorrow. Bishop Volonteri left Nanyangfu, his headquarters, for the purpose of visiting his outstations and he arrived at Luyishien in apparently good health but passed quietly away during his sleep on the 21st of December, at the age of seventy-three. Bishop Volonteri was a native of Milan and came to Hongkong in the early sixties where he worked for ten years as a missionary, winning the esteem of all he came in contact with. In the early seventies he was appointed to Honan as Superior of the Honan mission and four years after his arrival was appointed Bishop for South Honan which post he held for about thirty years. Bishop Volonteri was a very familiar figure throughout the whole province, and has seen many strange scenes and many changes during his long residence here, and he will be greatly missed by his co-workers and converts by whom he was greatly honoured and loved. When attached to the Apostolic Mission in South China, the late Bishop Volonteri directed the labours of the Italian missionaries on the mainland. So thorough was his acquaintance with the territory that it is owing to him that the Colony is indebted to the first published reliable map of Kwangtung including Kowloon. This map served the Government to good purpose upon the taking over of the New Territories from the Chinese Government.—*Ed. H.K.T.*

## MASONIC INSTALLATION.

At the Masonic Hall on Saturday evening the members of the United Mark Lodge No. 419 E.C. installed their Worshipful Master and his officers for the ensuing year. Worshipful Bro. A. O. D'Gourdin, P.M., was the installing officer, assisted by Bros. F. W. Edwards, H. Sykes, J. Bryant and J. Hoyle. The following were the officers selected to perform the various duties of the Lodge:—Worshipful Master, Wor. Bro. H. W. Wolfe; Immediate Past Master, Wor. Bro. W. H. Woolley; Senior Warden, Wor. Bro. H. Baker; Junior Warden, Bro. J. G. Miller; Master Overseer, Bro. M. Taylor; Senior Overseer, Bro. C. Tuckwell; Junior Overseer, Bro. F. T. Robbins; Chaplain, Bro. J. J. Bullen; Treasurer, Bro. W. Withers; Registrar of Marks, Bro. W. Ruse; Secretary, Bro. H. Garrod; Senior Deacon, Bro. J. French; Junior Deacon, Bro. J. N. Jones; Organist, Bro. J. T. Longstaffe; Director of Ceremonies, Bro. A. C. Miller; Inner Guard, Bro. J. Smith; Stewards, Bro. W. J. Galt; Bro. C. H. Parkinson; Tyler, Bro. J. Vanstone. A banquet which followed a toast list was gone through, the speeches being interspersed with songs by Messrs. Jenkins, Roberts, Power, Badcock, D. Laing, D. Bowen, A. T. Walston, E. Rogers, E. Thwaites, T. Bailey, T. Brand, H. W. Wolfe, and E. K. Udall.

## A QUESTION AT ISSUE.

A curious partnership case came on for hearing before the Chief Justice (Sir Henry S. Berkeley) at the Supreme Court this morning. The parties were the Wing Chong Lee firm v. the Kwong Tak Wing firm, and in the matter of an issue *Wing Chong Lee v. Wong Sun Nam*. Mr. H. E. Pollock, K.C., (instructed by Mr. H. D. C. Bailey, of Messrs. Johnson, Stokes and Master) appeared for the plaintiffs, and Mr. H. G. Calthrop (instructed by Mr. G. Hastings of Mr. J. Hastings' office) defended.

Mr. Pollock, in opening the case, said the plaintiffs obtained judgment against the Kwong Tak Wing, and Sir William Goodman in June last made an order that Wong Sun Nam was a partner in that firm. Now in February 1900, a flour combine was formed between plaintiffs and five other Chinese firms, included in the five being the Kwong Tak Wing. The object of the combine was to buy flour to be imported from Portland, Oregon. About a month after the combine was entered into, two persons came from the defendant firm to the plaintiffs named Wong Shing Tuck and Wong Sun Nam, with regard to a bill of exchange which had been drawn upon the defendant. They asked plaintiffs to put their chop upon it, on the back, when it came. Plaintiffs asked who were the partners in the Kwong Tak Wing, and Wong Shing Tuck said he was, that Wong Sun Nam was, and mentioned the names of two or three other Chinese gentlemen as being partners in the plaintiff firm. Wong Sun Nam afterwards himself admitted that he was a partner. The combine continued a little over a year, after which a second combine was formed in 1901, or only about two months after the dissolution of the first. The plaintiffs and defendants were two of the four firms which formed it. This finished operations in the following June. Wong Sung Nam now came forward with an affidavit that he never was a partner in the firm, but this could not be accepted and would tend to seriously discredit his evidence. Whenever there was any quarrelling between the parties, Wong Sung Nam always was there to quell it.

Chau Kwong Loong, a building contractor, said he had been doing business in Hongkong fifteen or sixteen years. He knew Wong Sung Nam. The first dealing he had with him was in October, 1901, when in reply to a request he went to see him on business, on a matter of building some houses. He saw Wong Sung Nam, and witness asked regarding his stability. He said he had the business of the Kwong Tak Wing. The value of the nine houses to be built was \$35,000. Witness went to the Kwong Tak Wing to draw his money from Wong Sung Nam, and received part of what was due in money and part in orders for rice.

His Lordship: You are quite certain that before you received these orders for rice, he told you he was a partner in the Kwong Tak Wing?

Witness: Quite certain, my Lord. By Mr. Calthrop: Defendant did not tell him who were the partners in the Kwong Tak Wing firm.

Counsel: Did not defendant tell you he was just the managing *fok*?

Witness: No, he did not; I asked who was the manager and he said "I carry on the business."

Counsel: Did you not know that he carried on the business, on behalf of the partners?

Witness: I do not know.

Counsel: As a matter of fact you did not know whether he was a partner or not?

Witness: No.

Chan Ngo Tang, partner in the plaintiff firm, was called, and said that he remembered in February 1901 two men Wong Sung Nam came to him with regard to a bill of exchange which they wanted him to guarantee. Wong Sung Nam then said he was a partner in the Kwong Tak Wing firm. He kept the books of the combine himself. He had separate dealings with the Kwong Tak Wing, but always through a broker, never having any interview with any of the partners.

Cross-examined: He was present at the interview when the bill of exchange was brought.

Mr. Calthrop said it was necessary to test the reliability of the witnesses, for in one case there was a difference of nearly five years, and in another eighteen months.

The Court adjourned at a quarter past one.

On resuming, Chan Kwong Chen, managing partner of the plaintiff firm, deposed to being present when Wong Shing Tuck and Wong Sung Nam came in regard to the bill of exchange. He asked, when required to back such a large bill as this, who are the partners of the Kwong Tak Wing. The partners were mentioned, four in number, including Wong Sung Nam.

Cross-examined:—He had had business transactions with the Kwong Tak Wing since 1901. Wong Shing Tuck who came with Wong Sung Nam with regard to the bill of exchange was dead. He did not know that Wong Sung Nam had denied ever stating that he was a partner in the firm. It would not do for him to say so after getting witness to be guarantee for the note. He never understood from Wong Sung Nam that he was only the managing *fok*. All the authority about buying and selling was with Wong Sung Nam. He did not know that the majority of the documents etc. were signed by Wong Shing Tuck. He had reason to believe that Wong Sung Nam was a man of considerable means, having considerable house property. It was not true that he only received a percentage out of the business after a good year. It was well-known that he had a share of his own.

Yes Sam, who has been a flour broker in Hongkong for eight or nine years, said he had been doing business for the Kwong Tak Wing firm for six or seven years. When the contract, produced, was made he saw Wong Sung Nam, and also on previous occasions, when they did business. In all cases of selling Wong Sung Nam was there alone. His brokerage was \$3 per thousand, and Wong Sung Nam paid him in local currency, himself as a rule, though occasionally the accountant would do so.

Cross-examined: He always considered Wong Sung Nam as the master, and not as a mere buyer and seller.

The Court adjourned till to-morrow, at eleven a.m.

## TELEGRAM.

## THE WAR.

## RUSSIAN NON-COMBATANTS

RELEASED BY THE JAPANESE.

Mr. M. Noma, Consul for Japan, kindly forwards us the following telegram:—

Tokio, March 27th, 1.45 p.m.  
Of the Russian non-combatants fallen into our hands in the battle of Mukden, the following were released:—The released in front of our advanced guard were 47 men ranking as officers, 359 ranking as non-commissioned officers, 9 nurses, 2 priests and 4 merchants attached to the army. The released at their desire in Chefoo or Shanghai were 23 men ranking as officers, 23 nurses and 298 ranking as non-commissioned officers.

## SHIPPING JETSAM.

The *King Arthur* has been definitely confiscated.

The captured steamer *Saxon Prince* has been set free, it being proved that she was not engaged in any contraband trade.

Mr. Hashimoto, a Nagasaki contractor, has been empowered to try and raise the sunken Russian men-of-war at Port Arthur.

## EXCURSIONISTS HELD UP.

Owing to the very low tide prevailing at Macao last evening a large number of excursionists from Hongkong did not arrive home till past two o'clock this morning. The s.s. *Wingchei* left her usual wharf about 6.30 p.m., but was unable to get over the bar at the entrance to the harbour, with the result that her journey to Hongkong had to be delayed until past eleven o'clock. The *Ying King*, which started half an hour earlier, had enough water to carry her over the mud without grounding and so reached Hongkong at the usual hour.

## THE HONGKONG RIFLE ASSOCIATION.

## ANNUAL REPORT.

The annual general meeting of the members of the Association will be held at Volunteer Headquarters (by permission of Major Pritchard, Commandant), on Thursday, the 30th March, 1905, at 5.30 o'clock p.m., for the purpose of passing the accounts and electing a new committee and officers for 1905.

The Admiralty having transferred their range early in the year from Kowloon to Stonecutters, the old arrangement which had worked well for some years had to be given up. Owing to this change and to the uncertainty of range accommodation in what is now known as the King's Park, the usual Easter Prize Meeting was not held.

Up to the present no further steps have been taken in the matter of amalgamation with the Army Rifle Association suggested by Major General Sir Wm. Gascoigne at the time when the King's Park was first mooted, and it became evident that our present range would eventually have to be abandoned, and which was agreed to at our general meeting of 24th Feb., 1903, nor does it seem probable that such amalgamation will now take place.

Although our range is at present available and is used by ourselves in conjunction with the recently-formed Hongkong Volunteer Rifle Association, the longer ranges have now disappeared, and the 600 yards firing point is situated in the road, rendering the old championship and long range competitions no longer possible.

Except for a few weeks prior to the Interport Match little interest was taken by members in rifle shooting throughout the year, the average attendance at spoon competitions being not more than eight.

The formation of the above referred to Association has deprived us of many possible members who might have done much to stimulate this Association and revive its flagging interest in the sport of rifle shooting, and in view of the establishment of this rival Association and of the proposal to form a Volunteer Rifle Club which will absorb most, if not all, of our active members, the question arises whether the time has not now come when this Association must cease to exist.

Hongkong tied with Singapore for the Interport Match with a total of 919, but unfortunately lost to the tide, our total at the longest range being 292 against their 291. Shanghai scored 938 and Peking did not finish.

MOWBRAY S. NORTHCOTE,

Honorary Secretary.

## SHIPPING AND MAILS.

## MAILS DUE.

German (*Prinz Eitel Friedrich*) 28th inst.  
Canadian (*Tartar*) 29th inst.  
Australian (*Taiyuan*) 29th inst.  
French (*Armand Belin*) 2nd prox.  
American (*Siberia*) 7th prox.  
Canadian (*Empress of India*) 10th prox.

The s.s. *Pleides* left Manila for this port at 1 p.m. on 25th inst.

The s.s. *Merionethshire* left Shanghai on 25th inst., and is due here on 29th inst.

The C. P. R. Co's s.s. *Athenian* left Yokohama p.m. on 26th inst., for Victoria and Vancouver.

The M. M. Co's s.s. *Armand Belin*, with the next French mail, left Singapore to-day, at 4 p.m., for this port, via Saigon.

The C. N. Co's s.s. *Taiyuan* from Australian Ports left Manila yesterday p.m., and is due here on 29th inst., at daylight.

The P. M. S. Co's s.s. *Siberia* with mails, &c., from San Francisco to the 8th inst., via Honolulu, has arrived at Yokohama, and leaves for this port via Inland Sea, Kobe, Nagasaki and Manila, to-morrow morning, and is due here on 7th prox.



## TELEGRAMS.

(Reuters.)

## Peace Prospects.

LONDON, 24th March.  
There is widespread belief among the St. Petersburg bankers that the Emperor will be compelled by circumstances, if not induced by his ministers, to discontinue the war. This opinion is freely expressed among the bankers who negotiated the internal loan with the Ministry of Finance.

Later.

The partisans of peace are daily becoming more numerous, even in the official world, their hopes being based on the certainty that the Japanese conditions will be more onerous a few months hence.

## The New Loan for Japan.

The Standard understands that arrangements are virtually concluded for the early issue in London and New York of a new Japanese four and a half per cent loan for thirty millions sterling at ninety.

Later.

The new Japanese 4½ per cent loan of £30,000,000 sterling, which will be issued shortly, half in London and half in New York at 90, is secured upon the tobacco monopoly, and is redeemable in five years if Japan so desires.

25th March.

The English half of the new Japanese loan of £30,000,000 sterling has already been underwritten in England, and the American half over-subscribed in New York.

## A Siamese Loan.

A Siamese loan of a million sterling has been issued and closed after three-quarters of an hour, largely over-subscribed.

(Some few weeks since we wrote concerning Siam and the gold standard, and pointed out that, despite a total absence of public debt, the time was fast approaching when the Government would have to follow the example of other progressive nations and meet the cost of further productive works from borrowed capital. Siam is certainly in a position to offer excellent security for any loan that she may desire to contract; the country has recently placed her currency on a more stable basis by the adoption of a gold standard which has already exercised a stabilizing influence on her finances. —Ed., H.K.T.)

## The War.

A Russian correspondent at the front discusses the situation in the most pessimistic manner. He states that a vast Japanese turning movement is developing which will be successful unless 200,000 reinforcements are sent immediately, and that General Rennenkampf has lost three-quarters of his force.

## Russia.

New war taxes are to be imposed.

## The Russian Loan Negotiations.

The Committee of the Paris Stock Exchange have officially announced that the Russian loan negotiations have been resumed, and are now proceeding quite satisfactorily.

## The Third Baltic Squadron.

Russia's third Baltic squadron has arrived at Port Said. The vessels are heavily laden with stores, and are shipping little, being apparently anxious to avoid delay. They were to sail last night for Jibouti.

## NEGLIGENT NAVIGATION.

ANOTHER CERTIFICATE SUSPENDED.

Before Mr. Basil Taylor, assistant Harbour Master, at the Harbour Office, to-day, an inquiry was held into the circumstances connected with the charge of negligent navigation preferred by P. C. F. Norman against Chung Hong, certificate No. 702, master of the unlicensed steam-launch No. 28. P. C. Norman, of the Water Police, stated, that on the 21st inst. he left Blake Pier, at 7.40 a.m., and five minutes later, saw defendant's launch on his port bow, coming from the direction of the Kowloon torpedo depot. Witness still held on his course, defendant being on his port side, and heading for the Naval Extension works. Witness was just entering the moor-of-war anchorage, and as defendant kept on his course, he had to starboard helm to prevent his striking defendant's launch on his starboard quarter. Defendant took not the slightest notice and did nothing, and witness cleared his launch by about 15 feet. Chung Hong said he left the torpedo depot at Kowloon with two lighters in tow, making for Wan-chai. The Police launch was far from his boat. He did not keep out of her way because he had two lighters in tow. His certificate was ordered to be suspended for one month.

## THE WEATHER.

The following report is from Mr. F. G. Figg, First Assistant of the Hongkong Observatory:

On the 27th at 12.5 p. The barometer has risen on the E. coast of China and fallen over the S. coast and the Philippines.

Pressure is high over N. China and relatively low over the N. part of the China Sea.

Gradients are rather steep in the Formosa Channel and along the northern shores of the China Sea and strong NE winds will probably prevail over those areas.

Forecast—fresh or strong breezes, chiefly Easterly; squally, thunderstorms.

A WRITER in the Kobe Herald has identified Aramogodon at last. The word is a precise transliteration into Hebrew of "City of Mukden," and as the Book of Revelations says that the Kings were to come "from the Sunrising" (revised version), Japan was evidently intended.

## "ONE SUMMER'S DAY."

THE FORTHCOMING A.D.C. PERFORMANCE.

The Hongkong Amateur Dramatic Club are showing unwonted energy this season, a fact which is exceedingly pleasing to a large number of people. "Jane," the last piece staged, proved an immense success, and now it is proposed to give a representation of "One Summer's Day," by H. V. Esmond. The first performance will take place on 7th April.

"One Summer's Day" is almost idyllic in its conception. There are a couple of gipsies, a good uncle, who seeks to cover the errors of his brother, and a love story in which one friend offers to sacrifice himself for his friend. The scene opens on an island on the Thames where a couple of gipsies are discussing the noble art of blackmail. It seems that a military man married one of the gipsy tribe and made her quite respectable for a time. But the freedom of the open air appealed to her veins, and she fled aside her trammels and returned to the tribe, leaving her boy with the deserted husband. The husband goes to India and conveniently succumbs to the fevers there, while the child is sent home to be adopted by an uncle, Major Dick. The game of the gipsies is to make Major Dick pay up for keeping a darling child from a loving mother's care, and the gipsies see visions of getting at least £50 a year from the Major.

Meanwhile, the ex-soldier's wife has retained her beauty, and continues to captivate all who come near her. Among those fascinated is a "boy of 17"—who has the disease badly. The comic relief is afforded by a stout old gentleman who thinks he is a painter and sees in the gipsy a modern Cleopatra. The fact that his wife believes him to be a sort of gay Lothario does not add to his comfort in marital harness, and when "the schoolboy" finds that he has a rival, as he thinks, in the painter, there is some fun for the outsider.

Another love story is brought in. Major Dick and a military comrade are apparently both in love with Maymie. Major Dick, to hide the antecedents of his ward, the son of his brother who died in India, allows it to be believed that he has been married, that he is a blighted misogynist, and that he has no right to look for happiness. He fails to understand the real state of affairs so far as Maymie is concerned, and blindly begs her to have compassion on his chum.

The gipsies bring their scheme of blackmail to a head and boldly tackle Major Dick for money. What is their surprise to find that instead of money they are offered the custody of the boy, and China (which is pronounced Ke-a-ra), the runaway wife, finds herself checkmated. Rather than drag the child from school to lead a roving life as a gipsy, the mother, Chiara, begs the Major to think nothing more about it, says she doesn't want the money, and disappears.

In the end, however, the boy is killed in an accident and the Major is heart broken. Maymie is told the whole facts of the case, not by the Major, but by his chum, and all ends happily.

The cast is as follows:

Major Dick: Mr. C. H. Grace.  
Phil: Mr. C. H. Grace.  
Theodore: Mr. C. H. Grace.  
Robert: Mr. C. H. Grace.  
Mrs. Grace: Mr. C. H. Grace.  
Mrs. Theodore: Mr. C. H. Grace.  
Mrs. Chiara: Mr. C. H. Grace.  
Major Phillips: Mr. C. H. Grace.

## ENTERTAINMENT AT ST. JOSEPH'S COLLEGE.

On Saturday evening a recreative soiree was given in the large hall at St. Joseph's College at which a large audience of former pupils, students and those interested in the welfare of the College attended. The soiree was really meant to celebrate the saint's day of the College patron, but it had been postponed until Saturday. An admirable programme of songs, instrumental music and dramatic performances had been arranged, and it is only right to say that the little performers proved exceedingly happy in their various roles, and provided an entertainment which kept a crowded house on the tip of expectation from beginning to end. The proceedings opened with a well-played selection by the orchestra—the Societate Philharmonica, followed by a chorus which the choir of boys rendered with great gusto. Master L. Ribeiro gave a violin solo "Les trois bouquets" with care and ability. Master A. Baptista proved a capital mimic, and a cantata entitled "Ten Toured Tutors," the music for which had been composed by Mr. E. Danenberg, provoked great mirth. The first part of the programme ended with a march by the band. In the second part, Mr. L. Graça rendered a banjo solo with skill and expression. Master Jose Tavares got a very cordial reception for his solo "The Professor and L.L.D." Mr. P. M. Remedios supplied the comic element with "Spotting 'em all the time" which caused much fun, and selections were given by the orchestra and the choir. The entertainment closed with a farce entitled "A sudden arrival" which proved of the most side-splitting description. Those who took part in the farce were: Messrs. A. H. Carroll, C. N. Sequeira, A. Comar, A. Baptista, R. Yanguas, F. Laurel, and E. Lopez, all of whom deserve credit for the character of their performance. The proceedings ended with the singing of the National Anthem. The members of the orchestra were: 1st violins: Messrs. F. Gonzalez, E. Lopez, J. M. S. Rozario, and A. M. S. Rozario. 2nd violins: C. M. S. Alves, A. Remedios, Jr., H. Remedios, L. Ribeiro, and F. B. Silva. Clarionets: Messrs. S. F. Pina and J. Baptista. Flutes: Messrs. J. M. S. Osmund and F. X. Vieira Ribeiro, Jr. Cornet: Mr. J. A. Rodriguez. Horns: Messrs. P. J. Rodriguez, and L. L. Xavier. Euphonium: Mr. A. E. Osmund. Trombone: Mr. M. A. Vas. Violoncello: Mr. P. N. Rozario, Jr. Bass: Mr. P. N. Sequeira and Mr. O. Baptista, Accompanist.

## CORRESPONDENCE.

(We do not necessarily endorse the opinions expressed by Correspondents in this column.)

## HONGKONG HOTEL EMPLOYEES' GRIEVANCE.

TO THE EDITOR OF THE "HONGKONG TELEGRAPH."

SIR,—It is curious how "prosperity" affects some individuals and corporations. When the Hongkong Hotel Company was a struggling concern, battling for dividends and tearing out the vitals of the employees in order that another half per cent. might be added to the profit and loss account, the directors were as good as gold to the wretched horses who were responsible for the results attained. They showed their appreciation of the employees' energy and faithful service, by giving them a bonus of a month's salary at the end of the year. That was money well spent, for it induced all the employees, Chinese and European alike, to hustle around with increased determination to do their best by the Company and to secure its success. That the money was laid out to advantage was proved by the fact that the business of the hotel steadily rose in volume and shareholders had the satisfaction of seeing good balances and good dividends at the end of a year's operations.

But at a time when it was deemed wise to give the entire staff a bonus of a month's salary or half a month's salary at the end of each year when no dividends were being paid, directly "the business began to prosper and the efforts of the employees evidenced in the overtone, away went the bonuses to the European members of the Hongkong Hotel staff. The Chinese employees still continue to receive their bonus, but not a penny beyond their actual salary does the unfortunate European get. The grim humour of the thing is that while there are only half a dozen Europeans in the employment of the Hotel Company, the Chinese coolies, billiard markers, waiters and what not are numbered by the score. Surely, it cannot for a moment be held that the European employees are less valuable or less worthy of encouragement than the Chinese employees? Yet that would seem to be the logical conclusion—as arrived at by the directors.

The work of a European in a busy caravaniser like the Hongkong Hotel is of the most arduous character. He has to be all things to all men, ready to anticipate the wants and ideas of the Hotel's patrons, always prepared to exchange claff with the jovial customer and commiserate with the unfortunate. His day begins when the first guest thinks it time to rise, and ends when the last has retired. He is tied to the wheel from morning till night. His recreation is confined to a quarter of an hour's stroll on the sea-front. He is worked as hard as a galley-slave, and at the same time he is subject to every whim and fancy of the most capricious customer. In spite of all that, nobody who has ever been in the habit of frequenting the Hongkong Hotel will seek to deny for a second the universal courtesy which he has experienced at the hands of the European staff. It is the European staff which has made the hotel what it is today; it is the European staff on whom the shareholders have to depend for their dividends, yet it is the European staff which is made to suffer—go without that bonus which the humblest Chinese employee expects and, very properly, gets: why single them out as if they were a species of pariah?

More, the directors have not even expressed their thanks for the services of the European employees! Surely it would have been a small act of kindness to acknowledge the work of the Europeans, especially seeing that they had already deprived them of the bonus which they had received as a matter of course in the old days.

The annual meeting takes place to-morrow, and I trust that some of the shareholders will see the force of these remarks and endeavour, in so far as they possibly can, to get the services of the few European members of the staff recognised, if not pecuniarily at least in some way as to show them that they have not laboured in vain and that their work is not forgotten. Verbal admiration is a little thing to give, but a graceful tribute of appreciation never lost a good servant yet, and the Hongkong Hotel Company have good servants.—I am, etc.

SHAREHOLDER.

Hongkong, 27th March.

## CAMPHILL, MOORE AND CO., LD.

The report of the board of directors to the nineteenth ordinary meeting of shareholders to be held at the company's office, No. 29, Queen's Road Central, on Friday next, is as follows:—

Gentlemen,—The directors have the pleasure to lay before you the accounts for the twelve months ending 31st December, 1904, showing a credit balance of \$1,171.74 which, with your approval, your directors propose to deal with as follows:—

To pay a dividend of 30% ..... \$3,600.00  
To pay directors' fees ..... 600.00  
To write off fixture and furniture accounts ..... 289.15  
To place to reserve fund account ..... 2,500.00  
To carry forward to next year's account ..... 1,182.59  
\$8,171.74

Your directors are glad to be in a position to state that the business of the company has been steady during the past few months and there is every probability of showing as good results for the present year.

The accounts have been audited by Mr. A. O'D. Gordin, who offers himself for re-election.  
J. W. OSBORNE, Chairman.  
Hongkong, 27th March, 1905.

## THE FRENCH CRUISER "SULLY."

Latest advices from Haiphong show that the French cruiser *Sully*, which went on a reef in the vicinity of the Indo-China coast some time ago, still remains in her precarious position. The work of lightening the vessel, by the removal of the heavier guns, ammunition, etc., has been carried through, and it is expected that in the early part of next week the vessel will be ready for a plunge into her native element. The steamer *Hongkong*, which leaves to-day for Haiphong, had on board two special pumps for clearing the holds of water. It is stated that while there are no leaks of any importance, the plates of the vessel have been subjected to such a heavy strain during the time she has been on the rocks that the interstices admit water, but if the cruiser could only be pulled off no difficulty would be experienced in bringing her to dock. Fortunately the weather remains calm and no immediate danger is feared. Recently it was reported that the final operations for saving the vessel would be completed on the 2nd of April, and accounts to hand seem to indicate that the work will be accomplished about that date.

## IMPORTANT TEST CASE.

ADMIRALTY CONTRACTORS CONVICTED.

At the Magistrate's Court to-day Mr. F. A. Hazeland delivered his reserved judgment in the case in which Messrs. Punched, Lowther and Co. were charged with using unlicensed cargo boats.

His Worship said:—The defendants, Messrs. Punched, Lowther and Co., were summoned, before me, charged with unlawfully using cargo boats in the waters of the Colony, without a licence, contrary to Ordinance No. 10 of 1899, and the regulations made under the authority of the same Ordinance. It was contended by the defendants that the cargo boats, the subject matter of this charge, are the property of the Lords Commissioners of the Admiralty, and not the property of the defendants. In support of this contention the solicitor for the defendants, put in a copy of the section of the contract made between the Lords Commissioners of the Admiralty and the defendants, Messrs. Punched, Lowther and Co. The section is as follows:—"Until the completion of the works to be carried out under this contract all temporary buildings, appliances, plant and machinery, of all descriptions provided by the contractor for use on the works, shall, from the time they are placed on any part of the site set apart by the Civil Engineer-in-Chief for the works at Hongkong, become the absolute property of the Lords Commissioners of the Admiralty, and not the property of the contractor or any other person or persons employed on his behalf, and shall not be removed from any of the sites without the previous consent in writing of the Civil Engineer-in-Chief. On the final completion of the works the whole of the buildings, appliances, etc., referred to in this clause, shall be removed by, and at the cost of, the contractor, and upon such removal, shall revert in and become the property of the contractor." It will be observed from the above section of the agreement that, before any property vests in the Lords Commissioners of the Admiralty, it is a condition precedent that it should only vest "from the time they are placed on any part of the site." By no stretch of language or juggling with words, can a cargo boat used for conveying materials in these works be regarded as having been "placed on any part of the site." I am, moreover, of opinion that it was not in the contemplation of the parties at the time of making this agreement that vessels used in conveying materials should be included in the agreement. Assuming for the purposes of argument that there is an ambiguity as to the meaning of the words "placed on any part of the site," it is a rule of construction that an ambiguity is to be construed most strictly against the promisee and in favour of the promisor. I am therefore, of opinion that the cargo boats, the subject matter of this charge, are the property of the defendants, and not the property of the Lords Commissioners of the Admiralty. By the regulations made under the Ordinance it is declared that all cargo boats must be duly licensed. I, therefore, convict the defendants. As the present proceedings are in the nature of a test case I propose inflicting a nominal penalty of \$5.

Mr. Wilkinson, of Messrs. Wilkinson and Grist, said what was to be considered was that the question of "using" the boats was not dealt with. He applied to His Worship to state a case so that he might file an appeal on the question of ownership of the boats.

His Worship stated that on the usual deposit of \$50 he would state a case. Mr. Wilkinson then asked if Mr. Hazeland would grant a re-hearing of the case, as he would produce further evidence as to ownership of the boats, the subject matter of this charge, when his Worship instructed him to renew his application this afternoon at 2.15 o'clock.

On resuming, Mr. Wilkinson made his application and asked Mr. Hazeland to review his decision, the application being based upon the ground that His Worship did not appear to consider that the boats, the subject matter of the charge, had "been placed upon the site," and had forgotten the admission made by Mr. Taylor in his evidence that they were within the area covered by the term "site." His Worship said he was not taking any stock in admission; clear and conclusive evidence was what was required.

Mr. Wilkinson, continuing, said that the reason for this clause in the agreement was that, in the event of the contractor failing to complete the contract, all the plant and appliances mentioned, which undoubtedly included the boats, would remain upon the site, and be used by the persons taking over the contract. It was abundantly clear that the intention of the parties was to include boats among the appliances mentioned. The "site" did not intend to apply only to land, but included the

whole area of the dock wherein the work is going on.

His Worship said the agreement said "upon," and Mr. Wilkinson argued that that term was entirely correct. He stated that the application for a hearing was not on the ground that further evidence was necessary, but to have it proved that the craft in question was within the area indicated. His Worship said he had not read the agreement through, and under the circumstances he would grant the application for a re-hearing, and would take the case on Wednesday at noon.

## RUNNING THE BLOCKADE.

THE S.S. "SEVERUS."

The circumstances attending the capture of the German steamer *Severus* about a day's run from Vladivostok, the crew of which reached Yokohama the other day, lend additional interest to recent Japanese seizures, and impart an altogether new colouring to the anticipation of blockade runners. The *Japan Mail* states that the vessel sailed from Cardiff on November 17th with a cargo of 3,200 tons of the best Welsh coals and whether in the lower holds dynamite was stowed, as the Japanese authorities have been informed, remains yet to be told.

At the time the ship's articles were signed her destination was stated to be Hongkong, and there was nothing exceptionally strange regarding her passage except that after rounding Ceylon she steered for the Sumatra coast and pursued a zigzag course till a defect in her boilers compelled her to put into Sabang, where she remained for three weeks. Leaving there she sailed at Labuan and then proceeded northward. It was on February 21st when she first encountered the ice, being then about a few miles north of the Hachinohe-Rikuchu Province, where her sister ship the *Romulus* (one of the same company's vessels which had kept her company from the time of sailing at Labuan) altered her course so as to escape the massive

floes only to meet others of a more dangerous character and sustain damage which for a time wholly disabled her. The *Severus* proceeded on her course and, on February 22nd, collided with a floe which stove in her bows. As she was rapidly going down by the head the pumps were set to work and kept going, but the water for days continually increased till twelve feet were in the fore peak. On the morning of the 23rd she was fully encased in the ice, and it was on the afternoon of that day that the *Hongkong-maru* was sighted right ahead. The usual signals were hoisted, and at the request of the *Hongkong-maru* another attempt was made to proceed onward, but a thicker fle

breaking across the bows stove in two more plates. The condition of the *Severus* was such that it was decided to signal the *Hongkong-maru* that it was impossible to go any further, and an answer was received to await the daybreak. Crumbling the ice like matchwood at early morn the *Hongkong-maru* came up abreast the *Severus*, and at 9 o'clock two Japanese officers and eight men boarded her. After an examination of the ship's papers the Japanese officers gave the order to put the engines full speed ahead and "never mind the leak," and following the wake of the warship the blockade runner was taken to Yokohama where she arrived on the evening of the 2nd instant.

The *Severus* is one of the Claus Andersen's fleet of Hamburg steamers built in 1892 by Sir William Gray at West Hartlepool. She is of iron construction, triple expansion engines, and had a speed of ten knots. Commanded by Captain Bernd she had been engaged in the South American meat trade, and is a staunch vessel and altogether a valuable prize. It is whispered that her freight was to be four times the value of her cargo, and that she was insured up to the hilt.

Among the crew of the *Severus* were two Russians who were arrested by the Japanese and retained in prison at Yokohama.—*Nagasaki Press*.

## To-day's Advertisements.

NIPPON YUSEN KAISHA.

I HAVE To-day RESUMED CHARGE of this Office.

A. S. MIHARA,  
Manager.  
Hongkong, 27th March, 1905. [47]

## PUBLIC AUCTION.

THE Undersigned have received instructions to sell by

PUBLIC AUCTION,  
FOR ACCOUNT OF THE CONCERNED,

on  
FRIDAY,  
the 31st March, 1905, at 11 A.M., at their  
Sales Rooms, No. 8, Des Vaux Road,  
corner of Ice House Street,  
54 Cases TOMATO SAUCE, 27 Cases  
MUSHROOMS, 7 Cases FRENCH PEAS,  
5 Cases FISH in Tins;  
ALSO  
50 Cases STERILIZED EVAPORATED  
CREAM.

TERMS:—As usual.  
HUGHES & HOUGH,  
Auctioneers.  
Hongkong, 27th March, 1905. [48]

COMPAGNIE DES MESSEAGERIES  
MARITIMES.

PAQUEBOTS-POSTE FRANCAIS.  
FOR SHANGHAI, KOBE AND  
YOKOHAMA.

THE Company's Steamship

"ARMAND BEHIC,"

Captain \_\_\_\_\_, will be despatched for the  
above Ports, on or about the 3rd April.  
For Freight or Passage, apply to  
G. DE CHAMPEAUX,  
Agent,  
Hongkong, 27th March, 1905. [49]

## To-day's Advertisements.

THE HONGKONG RIFLE ASSOCIATION.

THE ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING  
will be held at Volunteer Headquarters  
(by permission), on THURSDAY, the 30th  
March, 1905, at 5.30 o'clock P.M.

MOWBRAY S. NORTHCOTE,  
Hon. Secretary.  
Hongkong, 27th March, 1905. [55]

THEATRE ROYAL, CITY HALL.  
THE DALLAS-BANDMANN  
OPERA CO.

LAST TWO NIGHTS! LAST TWO NIGHTS!

RESULT OF THE BALLOT.

TO-NIGHT! (MONDAY), March 27th,

"THE GIRL FROM KAYS."

TO-MORROW (TUESDAY), March 28th,

LAST NIGHT OF THE SEASON,

"A COUNTRY GIRL."

Doors open ..... 8.30 P.M.  
Commence ..... 9.00 P.M.

PRICES AS USUAL.

Plan at Messrs. ROBINSON & CO., Ltd.  
Late Tram 15 minutes after the Performance.

F. C. GARTON,  
Business Manager.  
Hongkong, 27th March, 1905. [55a]

"MOGUL" LINE OF STEAMERS.

NOTICE TO CONSIGNEES.

THE S.S. "ATHOLL,"

FROM GLASGOW AND LIVERPOOL.

CONSIGNEES of Cargo are hereby informed  
that all Goods are being landed at their  
risk into the Godowns of the Hongkong and  
Kowloon Wharf and Godown Company, Ltd.,  
at Kowloon, whence and/or from the wharves  
delivery may be obtained.

No Claims will be admitted after the Goods  
have left the Godowns, and all Goods remaining  
undelivered after the 3rd April will be subject  
to rent.

All Claims against the Steamer must be pre-  
sented to the Undersigned on or before the 6th  
April, or they will not be recognized.

All broken, chipped, and damaged Goods are  
to be left in the Godowns, where they will be  
examined on the 3rd April, at 3 P.M.

No Fire Insurance has been effected.

Bills of Lading will be countersigned by

DODWELL & Co., LIMITED,  
Agents.

Hongkong, 27th March, 1905. [418]

NOTICE TO CONSIGNEES.

FROM CALCUTTA, PENANG AND

SINGAPORE.

THE Steamship

"GREGORY APCAR"

having arrived from the above Ports, Consignees  
of Cargo are hereby informed that their Goods  
will be delivered from alongside.

Cargo impeding the discharge will be landed  
at once, at Consignees' risk and expense.

Cargo remaining on board after the 30th  
instant, at 4 P.M., will be landed at Con-  
signees' risk and expense into the Godowns  
of the Hongkong and Kowloon Wharf and  
Godown Co., Limited.

Consignees of Cargo from SINGAPORE and  
PENANG are requested to take IMMEDIATE  
DELIVERY of their Goods from alongside,  
such Cargo impeding the discharge of the vessel  
will be landed and stored at Consignees' risk and  
expense.

No Fire Insurance has been effected.

Bills of Lading will be countersigned by

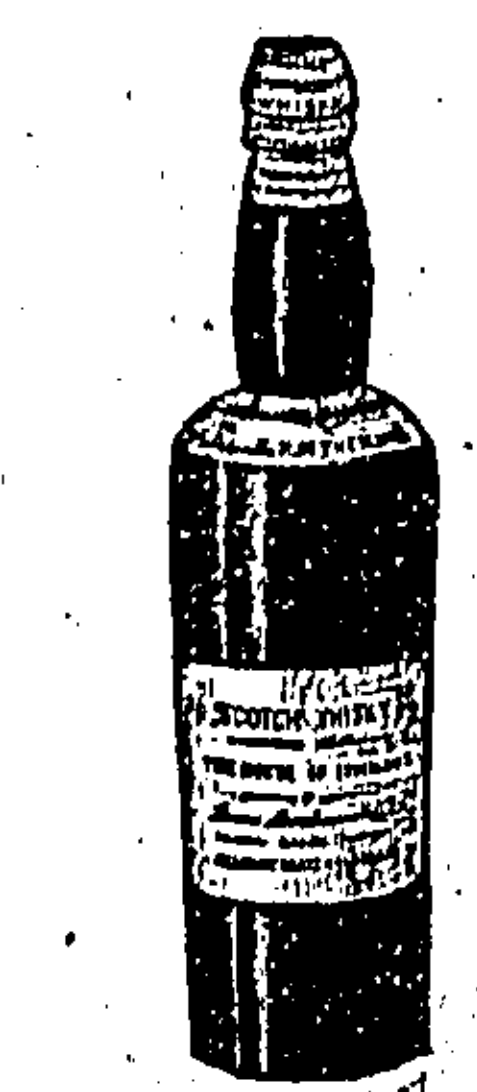
DAVID SASSOON & Co., LIMITED,  
Agents.

Hongkong, 27th March, 1905. [419]

## Intimation.



THE POPULAR  
SCOTCH  
IS  
"BLACK & WHITE"



JAMES BUCHANAN & CO.  
SCOTCH WHISKY DISTILLERS.

By Appointment to

H.M. THE KING

and

HRH the PRINCE OF WALES

Supplied at all the LEADING CLUBS

and HOTELS, and to be obtained from

the



## Shipping—Steamers.

OCEAN STEAMSHIP CO., LD.  
AND  
CHINA MUTUAL STEAM NAV. CO., LD.

## JOINT SERVICES.

TAKING CARGO ON THROUGH BILLS OF LADING FOR ALL EUROPEAN,  
NORTH AND SOUTH AMERICAN, WEST AUSTRALIAN, JAVA  
AND SUMATRA PORTS.FORTNIGHTLY SAILINGS FOR LONDON AND CONTINENT.  
MONTHLY SAILINGS FOR LIVERPOOL.

## OUTWARDS.

FROM	STEAMERS	DUE
GLASGOW and LIVERPOOL	"AGAMEMNON"	27th March.
GLASGOW and LIVERPOOL	"JASON"	1st April.
GLASGOW and LIVERPOOL	"LAERTES"	8th April.
GLASGOW and LIVERPOOL	"DARDANUS"	8th April.
GLASGOW and LIVERPOOL	"CHINGWO"	15th April.
GLASGOW and LIVERPOOL	"TELEMACHUS"	17th April.
GLASGOW and LIVERPOOL	"DIOMED"	21st April.
GLASGOW and LIVERPOOL	"CALCHAS"	29th April.
GLASGOW and LIVERPOOL	"DEUCALION"	6th May.

S.S. "Agamemnon" left Singapore at daylight on the 22nd inst., and is expected to arrive here on the 27th.

## HOMEWARDS.

FOR	STEAMERS	TO SAIL
AMSTERDAM, LONDON & ANTWERP	"ACHILLES"	28th March.
AMSTERDAM, LONDON & ANTWERP	"MACHAON"	11th April.
* GENOA, MARSEILLES & L'POOL	"ALCINOUS"	20th April.
AMSTERDAM, LONDON & ANTWERP	"KAISOW"	25th April.
AMSTERDAM, LONDON & ANTWERP	"JASON"	9th May.
* GENOA, MARSEILLES & L'POOL	"LAERTES"	20th May.
AMSTERDAM, LONDON & ANTWERP	"PINGUEY"	23rd May.

\* Taking Cargo for Liverpool at London Rates.

## TRANS-PACIFIC SERVICE.

FOR	STEAMER	TO SAIL
VICTORIA, SEATTLE, TACOMA, and all PACIFIC COAST PORTS, via NAGASAKI, KOBE and YOKOHAMA.	"TELEMACHUS"	20th April.

For Freight, apply to

BUTTERFIELD & SWIRE,  
AGENTS.

Hongkong, 25th March, 1905.

## CHINA NAVIGATION CO., LIMITED.

FOR	STEAMERS	TO SAIL
MANILA	"TAMING"	28th March.
SHANGHAI	"WOOSUNG"	28th "
SHANGHAI	"NINGPO"	29th "
CEBU and ILOILO	"SUNGKIANG"	31st "
NINGPO	"SZECHUAN"	31st "
KOBE	"TAIYUAN"	4th April.
MANILA, PORT DARWIN, THURS. DAVISLAND, COOKTOWN, CAIRNS, TOWNSVILLE, BRISBANE, SYDNEY and MELBOURNE	"CHINGTU"	10th "

\* The Attention of Passengers is directed to the Superior Accommodation offered by these  
steamers, which are fitted throughout with Electric Light. Unrivalled table. A duly  
qualified Surgeon is carried.† Taking Cargo on through Bills of Lading to all Yangtze and Northern China Ports.  
‡ Taking Cargo and Passengers at through Rates for all New Zealand and other Australian  
Ports.N.B.—REDUCED SALOON FARES, SINGLE AND RETURN, TO MANILA AND  
AUSTRALIAN PORTS. (SEE SPECIAL ADVERTISEMENT).

For Freight or Passage, apply to

BUTTERFIELD & SWIRE,  
AGENTS.

Hongkong, 27th March, 1905.

## Hongkong-Manila.

Highest Class, newest, fastest and most luxurious Steamers  
between Hongkong and Manila.—Saloon amidships—Electric  
Light—Perfect Cuisine—Surgeon and Stewardess carried.  
—All the most up-to-date arrangements for comfort of  
Passengers.CHINA AND MANILA  
STEAMSHIP COMPANY, LIMITED.

Steamship.	Tons.	Captain.	For	Sailing Dates.
ZAFIRO	2540	R. Rodger	MANILA	SATURDAY, 1st April.
RUBI	2540	A. H. Notley	"	SATURDAY, 8th April.

For Freight or Passage, apply to

SHEWAN, TOMES & CO.,  
GENERAL MANAGERS.

Hongkong, 27th March, 1905.

AMERICAN ASIATIC STEAMSHIP  
COMPANY.

FOR NEW YORK via SUEZ CANAL.

(With Liberty to Call at Malabar Coast).

PROPOSED SAILINGS.

Steamship	Tons	Captain	To Sail at Daylight on
"NICOMEDIA"	4370	Wagner	March 31st, 1905.
"NUMANTIA"	4370	Brehmer	April 20th, "
"ARABIA"	4483	Bable	May 11th, "
"ARAGONIA"	5198	Schuldt	May 30th, "

For Freight and further information, apply to

SHEWAN, TOMES & CO.,  
General Agents.

Hongkong, 10th February, 1905.

## PORTLAND &amp; ASIATIC STEAMSHIP CO.

PROPOSED SAILINGS FROM HONGKONG, via SHANGHAI, INLAND  
SEA OF JAPAN, MOJI, KOBE and YOKOHAMA,  
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## THE OREGON RAILROAD AND NAVIGATION COMPANY.

Steamship	Tons	Captain	To Sail at Daylight on
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"NUMANTIA"	4370	Brehmer	April 20th, "
"ARABIA"	4483	Bable	May 11th, "
"ARAGONIA"	5198	Schuldt	May 30th, "

Through Bills of Lading issued to Pacific Coast Points and all Eastern, Canadian and  
United States Ports. For through rates of Freight and further information, communicate  
with or apply to

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## TSIN TING.

LATEST METHODS OF DENTISTRY.

STUDIO AT NO. 14, D'AGUIAR STREET.

REASONABLE FEES.

Consultation Free.

Hongkong, 30th July, 1904.

## THE AMERICAN SYSTEM

OF

DENTISTRY.

M. H. CHAUN, D.D.S.

37, DES VOUX ROAD CENTRAL, HONGKONG;  
From the University of Pennsylvania, U.S.A.

Hongkong, 4th June, 1904.

## Shipping—Steamers.

CHINA NAVIGATION COMPANY,  
LIMITED.

## AUSTRALIAN LINE.

REDUCTION IN PASSAGE RATES.  
From 1st January, 1904.ALSO REDUCED FARES TO  
MANILA AND RETURN.STEAMERS fitted throughout with Electric  
Light, First Class Accommodation. Un-  
rivalled Table. Duly qualified Surgeon carried.  
BUTTERFIELD & SWIRE,  
Agents.  
Hongkong, 1st February, 1904.

## STEAM TO CANTON.

THE New Twin Screw Steel Steamers.

Tons Captain  
"KWONG CHOW" 1,309 J. P. MARTIN  
"KWONG TUNG" 1,336 H. W. WALKERLeave Hongkong for Canton at 9 every  
evening (Saturday excepted).Leave Canton for Hongkong about 5.30  
o'clock every evening (Sunday excepted).These Fine New Steamers have unexcelled  
Accommodation for First Class Passengers and  
are lit throughout by Electricity.

Passage Fare—Single Journey ...\$4

Meals ...\$1 each.

The Company's Wharf is a short distance  
West of the Harbour Master's Office.

SHIU ON S.S. CO., LD., and

YUEN ON S.S. CO., LD.,

No. 8, Queen's Road West.

Hongkong, 10th January, 1905.

## HONGKONG-MACAO LINE.

S.S. "WING CHAI"

Captain T. AUSTIN, R.N.R.

THIS Steamer departs from Hongkong on  
Week Days, at 8 A.M. and on Sun-  
days at 8.30 A.M. Departs from Macao on Week  
Days at 2.30 P.M. and on Sundays at 6.30 P.M.FARES—Week Days, 1st Class, including  
Cabin and servant Single \$3; Return Ticket,  
\$5; 2nd Class, \$1; 3rd Class, 50 cents.Every Sunday will be an Excursion, at the  
following rates—1st and 2nd Class, Single  
Ticket, \$1; Return, \$2; 3rd Class, Single, 30  
cents, Return, 50 cents; Steerage, 10 cents.TIFFIN and DINNER can be supplied  
either on Board, or at the Macao Hotel, for  
returning passengers only, at an extra charge  
of \$1.On Sundays, passengers desiring to have a  
Private Cabin which has accommodation for  
two or more passengers, will be charged \$3  
extra.First Class Passengers, who do not cater to  
return on the Excursion Sunday, will be allowed  
to do so the following day (Monday) on pro-  
duction of the Return Half Ticket. Should  
the Steamer not run on the Monday, owing to  
the Boiler cleaning, due notice will be given  
by the Captain, and the Half Ticket will be  
available for the following day.The Steamer is lit throughout by Electricity.  
The Steamer's wharf at Hongkong is at the  
Western end of Wing Lok Street.

MING ON &amp; Co.,

2nd Floor, No. 16, Victoria Street.

Hongkong, 5th November, 1904.

## "BEN" LINE OF STEAMERS.

FOR LONDON AND ANTWERP.

THE Steamship

"BENGLOE"

will be despatched for the above Ports, on  
TUESDAY, the 28th instant.

For Freight or Passage, apply to

GIBB, LIVINGSTON &amp; Co.

Agents.

Hongkong, 27th March, 1905.

EASTERN AND AUSTRALIAN STEAM-  
SHIP COMPANY, LIMITED.

FOR SYDNEY AND MELBOURNE,

(Calling at Timor, Port Darwin and Queensland  
Ports, and taking through Cargo to Adelaide,  
New Zealand, Tasmania, &c.)

THE Steamship

"AUSTRALIAN,"

Captain McArthur, will be despatched for the  
above Ports, on SATURDAY, the 8th April,  
at Noon.This well-known Steamer is specially fitted  
for Passengers, and has a Refrigerating Cham-  
ber, which ensures the supply of Fresh Pro-  
visions, Ice, etc., throughout the voyage.This Steamer is installed throughout with  
the Electric Light.A duly qualified Surgeon and Stewardess are  
carried.N.B.—To assure the additional comfort of  
passengers the steamers of the Company have  
electric fans fitted in staterooms.

For Freight or Passage, apply to

GIBB, LIVINGSTON &amp; Co.,

Agents.

Hongkong, 17th March, 1905.

REGULAR STEAMSHIP SERVICE  
TO NEW YORK,via PORTS AND SUEZ CANAL,  
(With Liberty to Call at Malabar Coast).

PROPOSED SAILINGS FROM HONGKONG.

1905.

About

"LOWTHER CASTLE" 18th April, 1905.

For Freight and further information, apply

to DODWELL &amp; Co., LIMITED,

Agents.

Hongkong, 25th March, 1905.

## Shipping—Steamers.

INDO-CHINA STEAM NAVIGATION  
COMPANY, LIMITED.FOR SINGAPORE, PENANG AND  
CALCUTTA.

THE Company's Steamship

"KUMSANG,"

Captain E. J. Buller, will be despatched as  
above, TO-MORROW, the 28th inst., at 3 P.M.

For Freight or Passage, apply to

JARDINE, MATHESON &amp; Co.,

General Managers.

Hongkong, 27th March, 1905.

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## "SHIRE" LINE OF STEAMERS.

FOR LONDON AND ANTWERP.

THE Company's Steamship

"MERIONETHSHIRE,"

C. H. Burch, Commander, will be despatched for  
the above Ports, on WEDNESDAY, the 29th  
instant, at 4 P.M.This Steamer has Superior Accommodation  
for Passengers.

For Freight or Passage, apply to

SHEWAN, TOMES &amp; Co.,

Agents.

Hongkong, 23rd March, 1905.

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INDO-CHINA STEAM NAVIGATION  
COMPANY, LIMITED.

FOR MANILA.

THE Company's Steamship

"YUENSANG,"

Captain P. H. Rolfe, will be despatched as  
above, on FRIDAY, the 31st instant, at 4 P.M.This Steamer has Superior Accommodation  
for First-class Passengers, and is fitted through-  
out with Electric Light.

For Freight or Passage, apply to

JARDINE, MATHESON &amp; Co.,

General Managers.

Hongkong, 25th March, 1905.

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## Consignees.

"BARBER" LINE OF STEAMERS.

NOTICE TO CONSIGNEES.

THE STEAMSHIP "SAGAMI,"  
FROM NEW YORK.CONSIGNEES of Cargo are hereby informed  
that all Goods are being landed at their  
risk into the Godowns of the Hongkong and  
Kowloon Wharf and Godown Company, Ltd.,  
at Kowloon, whence and/or from the wharves  
delivery may be obtained.No Claims will be admitted after the Goods  
have left the Godowns, and all Goods remain-  
ing undelivered after the 30th March will be  
subject to rent.All Claims against the Steamer must be pre-  
sented to the Undersigned on or before the  
1st April, or they will not be recognized.All broken, chafed, and damaged Goods are  
to be left in the Godowns, where they will be  
examined on the 30th March at 3 P.M.

No Fire Insurance has been effected.

Bills of Lading will be countersigned by

DODWELL &amp; Co., LIMITED,

Agents.

Hongkong, 24th March, 1905.

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## NOTICE TO CONSIGNEES.

THE P. &amp; O. S. N. Co.'s Steamer

"SIMLA,"

FROM BOMBAY, COLOMBO AND  
STRAITS.Consignees of Cargo by the above-named  
vessel are hereby informed that their Goods are  
being landed and placed at their risk in the  
Hongkong and Kowloon Wharf and Godown  
Company's Godowns at Kowloon, where each  
consignment will be sorted out mark by mark,  
and delivery can be obtained as soon as the  
Goods are landed.

This vessel brings on Cargo—

From London, &amp;c., ex S.S. Moldavia and

Arabia.

From Australia, ex S.S. Mongolia.

From Calcutta, ex S.S. Somali.

From Persian Gulf, &amp;c., ex B. I. S. N. and

B. &amp; P. S. N. Co.'s Steamers.

Optional Goods will be landed here unless

instructions are given to the contrary before

1 P.M., TO-DAY.

Goods not cleared by the 30th instant, at

4 P.M., will be subject to rent.

No Fire Insurance will be effected by me in

any case whatever.

Damaged Packages must be left in the  
Godowns for examination by the Consignees'  
and the Company's representative at an  
appointed hour.All claims must be presented within ten  
days of the steamer's arrival here after which  
date they cannot be recognized.No claims will be admitted after the goods  
have left the Godowns.L. S. LEWIS,  
Act'g Superintendent.

Hongkong, 24th March, 1905.

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## "BEN" LINE OF STEAMERS.

NOTICE TO CONSIGNEES.

S.S. "BENVENUE,"

FROM LONDON VIA SINGAPORE.

CONSIGNEES of Cargo are hereby  
informed that all Goods are being landed  
at their risk into the Godowns of the Hongkong  
and Kowloon Wharf and Godown Co., Ltd.,  
whence and/or from the wharves delivery may  
be obtained.No Claims will be admitted after the Goods  
have left the Godowns, and all Goods unde-  
livered after the 27th instant will be subject  
to rent.All Claims against the Steamer must be pre-  
sented to the Undersigned on or before the 1st  
April, or they will not be recognized.All broken, chafed, and damaged Goods are  
to be left in the Godowns, where they will be  
examined on the 27th instant, at 11 A.M.

No Fire Insurance has been effected.

Bills of Lading will be countersigned by

GIBB, LIVINGSTON &amp; Co.,

Agents.

Hongkong, 20th March, 1905.

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## Antimations.

S. MOUTRIE & CO., LD.,  
PIANO AND ORGAN  
MANUFACTURERS.

14, QUEEN'S ROAD, FIRST FLOOR.

HAVE just received a shipment of second  
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years given for each instrument.A large consignment of records at the low  
figure of \$1.80 each, 5% on wholesale orders.  
The largest and most varied Stock of Music  
in China. Inspection solicited. Our work-  
men are experienced men.

WE DEFY COMPETITION.

INSPECTION INVITED.

Hongkong, 14th March, 1905.

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EMPLOYE of commerce, Aged 29 ans,  
de nationalité Suisse, ayant déjà occupé,  
d'importantes fonctions dans des maisons  
consistant à fond de comptabilité en partie  
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désirerait une situation dans l'une des villes de  
la Côte de Chine.Très bonnes références—Appointements: de  
\$4,000 dollars par an. Ecrire aux initiales  
L. V. au journal "L'Opinion" de Saigon.  
Saigon, le 2 Mars, 1905.

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## JUST UNPACKED.

MESSRS. PEEK, FREAN & Co.'s well-  
known DISCOUNTS of the day, viz.:  
EVERETT, FAMILY, MARSENA, VEDA,  
VENICE, and MARSON.PLASMON DISCOUNTS are more easily digested  
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Thousands of men are mere pigmies of what nature intended them, backward, over sensitive, fearing to venture, delicate, easily discouraged, short of breath, weak nerved, lacking the grit, the "sand" which is the possession of vigorous manhood. They need Electricity, which is animal vitality. It is the foundation of all vigor. It is the fuel to the engine which runs the human machine. Electricity, as I apply it, is a source of new life to all parts of the body. My

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A free test will be given to all who can call at my office between 9 a.m. and 5.30 p.m. daily, Sunday 10 to 1. In his way I propose to convince those people who wish proof of the merit possessed by my method of the treatment. I will convince you that it is a success and will cure you, even after everything else has failed. Call at once.

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The S.S. "TOURANE."

Captain R. Girard, will be despatched for MARSEILLES on TUESDAY, the 4th April, at 1 P.M.

Passage tickets and through Bills of Lading issued for above ports.

Cargo also booked for principal places in Europe.

Next sailings will be as follows:—

S.S. TONKIN .....18th April.

S.S. ARMAND BEHIC .....2nd May.

S.S. AUSTRALIEN .....16th May.

G. DE CHAMPEAUX, Agent.

Hongkong, 24th March, 1905. [7]



THE PENINSULAR AND ORIENTAL STEAM NAVIGATION COMPANY.

STEAM FOR STRAITS, CEYLON, AUSTRALIA, INDIA, ADEN, EGYPT, MEDITERRANEAN PORTS, PLYMOUTH AND LONDON.

Through Bills of Lading issued for BATAVIA, PERSIAN GULF, CONTINENTAL, AMERICAN and SOUTH AFRICAN PORTS.)

THE Steamship

"NUBIA."

Captain F. N. Tillard, carrying His Majesty's Mails, will be despatched from this for BOMBAY, on SATURDAY, the 8th April, at Noon, taking Passengers and Cargo for the above Ports in connection with the Company's S.S. China, 7,912 tons, from Colombo, Passengers' accommodation in which vessel is secured before departure from Hongkong.

Silk and Valuables, all Cargo for France, and Tea for London (under arrangement) will be transhipped at Colombo into the Mail steamer, proceeding direct to Marseilles and London; other Cargo for London, &c., will be conveyed from Bombay by the R.M.S. Calcutta, due in London on the 20th May.

Parcels will be received at this Office until 4 P.M. the day before sailing. The Contents and Value of all Packages are required.

For further Particulars, apply to

L. S. LEWIS,

Acting Superintendent.

Hongkong, 25th March, 1905. [2]

NORTHERN PACIFIC LINE.

BOSTON STEAMSHIP COMPANY.

BOSTON TOW-BOAT COMPANY.

Connecting at Tacoma with

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PROPOSED SAILINGS FROM HONGKONG FOR

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Steamers. Tons. Captains. Sailing.

Pietades 3,753 F.G. Parington At. Mar. 30

Shawmut 9,606 E. V. Roberts April 13

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The largest, steadiest, and most comfortable steamer for Manila.

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CHEAP FARES, EXCELLENT ACCOMMODATION, ATTENDANCE AND CUISINE, ELECTRIC LIGHT, DOCTOR AND STEWARDESS.

The twin-screw s.s. Shawmut and Tremont are fitted with very superior accommodation for first and second class passengers. The large size of these vessels ensures steadiness at sea. Electric fan in each room.

Barber's shop and steam-laundry. Cargo carried in cold storage.

For further information, apply to

DODWELL & CO., LIMITED,

General Agents.

Queen's Buildings, Hongkong, 18th March, 1905. [8]

BOO CHEONG,

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STATIONER AND PAPER MERCHANT,

No. 20, Pottinger Street.

HAS always on hand, all varieties of Stationery, Printing and Note Papers, Copying Presses, also Automatic Cyclestyle and Blanks Duplicator.

Hongkong, 23rd February, 1905. [6]

For Sale.

GREEN ISLAND CEMENT COMPANY, LIMITED.

PORTLAND CEMENT.

\$4.50 per Cask 375 lbs. net ex Factory.

\$2.70 per Bag 250 lbs. net ex Factory.

SHEWAN, TOMES & Co.,

General Managers.

Hongkong, 7th March, 1905. [50]

TUBORG BEER.

A FIRST CLASS PILSENER BEER guaranteed free from Salicylic Acid and any other Chemicals.

PRICE \$10.50 per case of 48 bottles (quarts) or 6 doz. pints.

Special Prices for Quantities.

Sole Agents—

SIEMSEN & CO.

Hongkong, 10th January, 1905. [57]

FOR SALE.

INCANDESCENT GASOLINE LAMPS

OF ALL DESCRIPTIONS, from the best makers.

INCANDESCENT MANTLES, CHIMNEYS, GLOBES, SHADES, &c., for

GASOLINE AND GAS LAMPS

at the most moderate prices.

Lamps fixed up for Buyers free of charge.

Naphtha of the best kind kept in stock.

TAI KWONG CO.,

56, Lyndhurst Terrace.

Hongkong, 2nd May, 1904. [54]

To Let.

TO LET.

No. 3, CANTON VILLAS, KOWLOON.

Apply to—

THE HONGKONG LAND INVESTMENT & AGENCY CO., LD.

Hongkong, 25th March, 1905. [41]

TO LET.

A BUILDING at CAUSEWAY BAY, at present in occupation of the Steam Laundry Co., Ltd.

No. 1, RIVINGTON TERRACE.

A HOUSE in WONG NEI CHONG ROAD.

FLATS in MORETON TERRACE, LUBU POLO GROUND.

OFFICES in course of erection, CONNAUGHT ROAD (near BLAKE PIER).

GODOWNS: PRAYA EAST.

Apply to—

THE HONGKONG LAND INVESTMENT & AGENCY CO., LD.

Hongkong, 7th March, 1905. [60]

TO LET.

No. 1, STEWART TERRACE, THE PEAK.

Apply to—

THE HONGKONG LAND INVESTMENT & AGENCY CO., LD.

Hongkong, 26th March, 1904. [70]

TO LET.

SIX FIRST-CLASS EUROPEAN HOUSES in OBSERVATORY ROAD, Tsim Sha Tsui, Kowloon. Each with five spacious well-ventilated living rooms, two bath rooms, kitchen, garden, tennis courts, servants' quarters, water, gas, electric lights and bells.

Moderate Rental. Possession on or about 1st April, 1905.

Apply to—

ARRATON V. APCAR & Co.,

45, Wyndham Street.

Hongkong, 6th January, 1905. [3061]

Intimations.

FURNITURE WAREHOUSE.

LI KWONG LOONG,

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CABINET-MAKER AND ART DECORATOR, from Shanghai, has opened a FURNITURE STORE

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The only Shop in Hongkong with this name.

WHERE HIGH-CLASS FURNITURE of every description can be made to order in any design required.

Has been patronised by the Hongkong Club, Hongkong Hotel, Messrs. A. S. Watson & Co., Ltd., Joint Telegraphs Co., and other leading Establishments in the Colony, to whom reference may be made as to the Superior Workmanship and Materials of the Furniture, &c., supplied.

Messrs. A. S. Watson & Co., Ltd. write as follows:—

"We have pleasure in stating that Mr. LI KWONG LOONG furnished the Annex to our Dispensary and gave us every satisfaction."

(Sd.) A. S. WATSON & Co., Ltd.

ORDERS punctually attended to, and CHARGES most moderate.

AN INSPECTION INVITED.

Hongkong, 6th December, 1904. [60]

TSANG FOO & CO.,

COAL-MERCHANTS AND STEVEDORES,

48, DES VŒUX ROAD.

SHIPS Coaled from alongside at the shortest notice, and with all possible despatch.

Prices Moderate. Telephone No. 329.

Hongkong, 1st October, 1904. [61]

SHARE QUOTATIONS.

Supplied by Messrs. BENJAMIN, KELLY & POTTS. Corrected to noon; later alterations given in the "Commercial Intelligence," page 5.

STOCKS.	NO. OF SHARES.	VALUE.	PAID UP.	POSITION AS PER LAST REPORT.	LAST DIVIDEND.	APPROXIMATE RETURN AT CLOSING QUOTATION.	CLOSING QUOTATIONS.	
BANKS.								
Hongkong & Shanghai Banking Corporation .....	80,000	\$125	\$125	\$1,000,000 \$8,000,000	\$1,493,408	Div. of £1.10/- and bonus of £1 @ ex- change 1/11 9/16=\$25.46 for second half-year 1904 .....	\$255 sales (London £76 10/- \$36 buyers	
National Bank of China, Limited .....	99,925	£7	£7	\$175,533 \$191,973	\$21,668	\$2 (London 3/6) for 1903 .....	51 % \$36 buyers	
MARINE INSURANCE.								
Canton Insurance Office, Limited .....	10,000	\$250	\$50	\$1,400,000 \$1,739	\$150,494	\$17 for 1903 .....	64 % \$285	
China Traders' Insurance Company, Limited .....	24,000	\$83.33	\$25	\$950,000 \$151,992 \$362,366 \$371,445	Nil.	\$4 1/2 for year ended 30.4.1904 .....	74 % \$59	
North China Insurance Company, Limited .....	10,000	£15	£5	Tls. 800,000	Tls. 217,119	Final of 10/- making £1 for 1903 .....	8 % Tls. 95 sellers	
Union Insurance Society of Canton, Limited .....	10,000	\$250	\$100	\$1,850,000 \$20,000 \$172,749 \$893 1/16 \$846,773 \$700,000 \$37,794	\$2,078,997	\$35 for 1903 .....	5 % \$700	
Yangtze Insurance Association, Limited .....	8,000	\$100	\$60	\$1,000,000 \$125,075 \$2,561	\$486,284	\$12 for 1902 .....	74 % \$160	
FIRE INSURANCE.								
China Fire Insurance Company, Limited .....	20,000	\$100	\$20	\$1,000,000 \$125,075 \$2,561	\$329,047	\$6 dividend & \$1 bonus for 1903 .....	61 % \$86 sales	
Hongkong Fire Insurance Company, Limited .....	8,000	\$250	\$50	\$1,200,595	\$360,373	\$34 for 1903 .....	104 % \$310	
SHIPPING, TUG AND CARGO BOATS.								
China and Manila Steamship Company, Limited .....	30,000	\$25	\$25	\$5,000 \$185,000 \$80,935 \$250,000 \$600,000 \$158,444	\$8,832	\$1 for 1904 .....	5 % \$21 ex div.	
Douglas Steamship Company, Limited .....	20,000	\$50	\$50	Nil.	Nil.	\$3 for year ended 30.6.1903 .....	6 % \$35	
Hongkong, Canton & Macao Steamboat Co., Ltd. ....	80,000	\$15	\$15	\$1,200,000 \$205,000 \$100,000	\$26,160	\$1 for second half-year 1904 .....	94 % \$26 1/2 sales	
Indo-China Steam Navigation Company, Limited .....	60,000	£10	£10	\$205,000 \$100,000	£5.853	10/- for 1903 @ 1/10 5/16=\$5.378 .....	41 % \$123 sellers	
Shanghai Tug and Lighter Company, Limited .....	200,000	Tls. 50	Tls. 50	Tls. 25,000 \$40,000 \$4,116 \$60,000 \$15,093 \$400,000 \$21,675 \$130,153 Tls. 126,000 Tls. 276,679	Tls. 43,762 £58,853	{Tls. 2 1/2 final making Tls. 4 1/2 for 1904 Tls. 1 1/2 final making Tls. 3 1/2 for 1904 Interim of 1/- (Coupon No. 5) for 1904 .....	9 % 8 % 5 %	Tls. 50 Tls. 47 1/2 21/-
"Shell" Transport and Trading Company, Limited .....	10,000	\$10	\$10	\$4,116 \$60,000 \$15,093 \$400,000 \$21,675 \$130,153 Tls. 126,000 Tls. 276,679	\$1,287	{Tls. 80 & b. 40 cts. Tls. 90 & b. 20 cts. } for year ending 30.4.04 .....	51 % 31 %	\$37 1/2 sellers \$29 sellers
"Star" Ferry Company, Limited .....	10,000	\$10	\$5	\$400,000 \$21,675 \$130,153 Tls. 126,000 Tls. 276,679	\$21,231	\$10 for 1904 .....	8 % Tls. 30 sellers	
Straits Steamship Company, Limited .....	5,000	\$100	\$100	Tls. 126,000 Tls. 276,679	Tls. 6,190	Final of Tls. 1 1/2 making Tls. 3 1/2 for 1904 .....	104 % Tls. 30 sellers	
Taku Tug and Lighter Company, Limited .....	30,000	T.Tls. 50	T.Tls. 50	\$450,000 \$185,087 Tls. 1,035	\$2,812 Dr. \$85,987 Tls. 1,035	Final of \$15 making \$20 for 1904 .....	9 % \$223 sales \$26	
China Sugar Refining Company, Limited .....	20,000	\$100	\$100	Tls. 100,000	Dr. \$85,987 Tls. 1,035	\$3 for 1897 .....	44 % Tls. 5 1/2 sales	
Luzon Sugar Refining Company, Limited .....	7,000	Tls. 50	Tls. 50	Nil.	Nil.	Tls. 2 1/2 for year ending 30.9.04 .....	51 % Tls. 7.30 buyers G \$17 1/2 sales	
Perak Sugar Cultivation Company, Limited .....	7,000	Tls. 50	Tls. 50	Nil.	Nil.	No. 12 of 1/- = 48 cents .....	...	\$4
MINING.								
Chinese Engineering and Mining Company, Ltd. ....	1,000,000	£1	£1	£40,000 none	£7,820 G \$672,091	No. 3 of 1/6 .....	...	Tls. 7.30 buyers G \$17 1/2 sales
Oriental Consolidated Mining Company, Limited .....	50,000	G \$10	G \$10	£40,000 none	£7,820 G \$672,091	Final of Fcs. 25 making Fcs. 55 for 1903 .....	...	\$490
Perak Australian Gold Mining Company, Limited .....	50,000	£1	£1	£4,873	Dr. £4,029	\$3.75 for 1904 .....	104 % \$36 sellers	
SOCIÉTÉ FRANÇAISE DES CHARBONNAGES DU TONKIN.								
DOCKS, WHARVES & GODOWNS.	16,000	Fcs. 250	Fcs. 250	{Fcs. 251,337 Fcs. 1,529,652}	Fcs. 85,706	Final of Fcs. 25 making Fcs. 55 for 1903 .....	...	\$490
Geo. Fenwick & Co., Limited .....	6,000	\$25	\$25	\$70,000 \$58,473 \$10,000 \$100,000 \$250,000	\$8,577	\$3.75 for 1904 .....	104 % \$36 sellers	
Hongkong & Kowloon Wharf and Godown Co., Ltd. ....	40,000	\$50	\$50	\$33,500 \$498,289	\$29,422	Final of \$2 1/2 making \$5 for 1904 .....	44 % \$107 1/2 buyers	
Hongkong and Whampoa Dock Company, Ltd. ....	50,000	\$50	\$50	\$33,500 \$498,289	\$29,422	{ \$6 dividend and \$1 bonus for 2nd half- year 1904 .....	64 % \$205 buyers	
Hewarth Frskine, Limited .....	12,000	\$100	\$100	\$60,000	.....	\$10 div. & \$5 bonus for year end. 30/6/04 .....	74 % \$220 buyers	
New Amoy Dock Company, Limited .....	6,000	\$64	\$64	\$55,500	\$489	\$14 for 1903 .....	44 % \$25 sellers	
Riley Hargreaves & Co., Limited .....	6,000	\$100	\$100	\$150,000	\$40,936	{ \$10 div. and \$2 1/2 bonus } for 1903 .....	64 % \$200 buyers	
DOCKS, WHARVES & GODOWNS.								
S. C. Farnham, Boyd & Co., Limited .....	55,200	Tls. 100	Tls. 100	Tls. 900,000	Tls. 48,153	{ \$7 dividend Tls. 5 interim for 1904/5 .....	84 % Tls. 146 buyers	
Shanghai and Hongkew Wharf Company .....	35,000	Tls. 100	Tls. 100	Tls. 487,210	Tls. 22,895	Interim of Tls. 4 for 1904 .....	7 % Tls. 157 1/2 buyers	
Tanjong Pagar Dock Company, Limited .....	37,000	\$100	\$100	\$2,100,000	\$206,648	\$20 for 2nd half year making \$26 for 1904 .....	7 % \$980 buyers	
Yangtze Wharf and Godown Company, Limited .....	2,500	Tls. 100	Tls. 100	Tls. 6,000	Tls. 1,760	Tls. 18 for 1903 .....	94 % Tls. 190 buyers	
LANDS, HOTELS & BUILDINGS.								
Astor House Hotel Company, Limited (Shanghai) .....	30,000	\$25	\$25	none	\$9,089	\$2 1/2 for year ended 30.6.1904 .....	8 % \$34 sales	
Astor House Hotel, Limited (Tientsin) .....	2,000	T.Tls. 50	T.Tls. 50	Tls. 41,000 \$100,000 \$11,824 \$20,000	Tls. 655	Interim of Tls. 4 .....	6 % Tls. 150 sellers	
Hongkong Hotel Company, Limited .....	12,000	\$50	\$50	\$11,824 \$20,000	\$11,668	\$5 for first half-year 1904 .....	74 % \$145 sales	
HONGKONG LAND INVESTMENT AND AGENCY CO., LD.								
Hotel des Colonies Company, Limited (Shanghai) .....	50,000	\$100	\$100	\$250,000	\$37,875	Final of \$6 making \$12 for 1904 .....	9 % \$127 1/2 buyers	
Hotel des Colonies Company, Limited (Shanghai) .....	9,000	Tls. 25	Tls. 25	Tls. 13,986 \$200,994 \$50,000	Tls. 680 \$11,958 \$377	Tls. 0.87 1/2 for the year ending 31.3.1904 .....	41 % Tls. 19 1/2	
Humphreys Estate & Finance Company, Limited .....	150,000	\$10	\$10	none	\$11,958	90 cents for 1904 .....	74 % \$12 buyers	
Kowloon Land and Building Company, Limited .....	6,000	\$50	\$30	none	\$377	\$3 for 1904 .....	8 % \$39 buyers	
Shanghai Land Investment Company, Limited .....	52,000	Tls. 50	Tls. 50	{Tls. 828,813 Tls. 170,000}	Tls. 40,066	{Tls. 3 final and Tls. 2 bonus making Tls. 8 for 1904 .....	74 % Tls. 115 sellers	
Tientsin Hotel des Colonies, Limited .....	1,400	Tls. 50	Tls. 50	none	Tls. 670	Tls. 5 for 1904 .....	10 % Tls. 50	
Tientsin Land Investment Company, Limited .....	7,726	Tls. 100	Tls. 100	Tls. 67,300	Tls. 725	Final of Tls. 4 making Tls. 7 for 1904 .....	51 % Tls. 125	
Wei-hai-wei Land and Building Company, Limited .....	3,764	Tls. 25	Tls. 25	none	Tls. 515	None .....	...	Tls. 12 buyers
West Point Building Company, Limited .....	12,500	\$50	\$50	none	\$1,747	Final of \$1.70 making \$3.20 for 1904 .....	51 % \$55	
COTTON MILLS.								
Ewo Cotton Spinning and Weaving Company, Ltd. ....	15,000	Tls. 50	Tls. 50	none	Tls. 11,655	Tls. 4 for year ended 31.10.1903 .....	11 1/2 % Tls. 35	
Hongkong Cotton Spinning, Weaving and Dyeing Company, Limited .....	125,000	\$10	\$10	none	\$28,862	50 cents for the year ending 31.7.04 .....	3 % \$16	
International Cotton Manufacturing Company, Ltd. ....	10,000	Tls. 75	Tls. 75	{Tls. 50,000 Tls. 35,227}	Tls. 13,619	Interim of 3 % a/c 1898 .....	...	Tls. 25 1/2 buyers
Laon-kung-mow Cotton Spinning & Weaving Co., Ltd.	8,000	Tls. 100	Tls. 100	none	Tls. 10,000	Interim of 4 % a/c 1898 on 6,000 shares .....	...	Tls. 30 sales
Soy Chee Cotton Spinning Company, Limited .....	2,000	Tls. 500	Tls. 500	Tls. 8,115	Tls. 22,050	4 % for 1897 .....	...	Tls. 150
CIGARS AND TOBACCO COS.								
Alhambra, Limited .....	300	\$200	\$200	\$779	nil	\$25 for year ending 30.6.1900 .....	...	\$100
Philippine Company, Limited .....	7,500	\$10	\$10	.....	.....	First year .....	...	\$1 1/2 sellers
Shanghai-Sumatra Tobacco Company, Limited .....	30,000	Tls. 20	Tls. 20	{Tls. 24,820 Tls. 25,000}	Tls. 1,091	Final of Tls. 6 making Tls. 9 .....	134 % Tls. 66 sales	
MISCELLANEOUS.								
A. S. Watson & Co., Limited .....	90,000	\$10	\$10	{Tls. 250,000 \$25,000}	\$2,883	Interim of 50 cents for 1904 .....	8 % \$12 1/2 buyers	
Anglo-German Brewing Company, Limited .....	4,000	\$100	\$100	none	.....	First year .....	...	\$12 sales
Bell's Asbestos Eastern Agency, Limited .....	8,604	12/6	12/6	none	£161	6d. per share for 1903 .....	5 % \$5 1/2	
Campbell, Moore & Co., Limited .....	1,200	\$10	\$10	none	\$596	\$3 for 1903 .....	74 % \$39 sellers	
Central Stores, Limited .....	6,000	\$15	\$12	\$20,000	\$1,253	Interim of \$1.20 for 1904 .....	114 % \$100	
Do. (Founders) .....	123	.....	.....	.....	.....	None .....	...	\$7 1/2 sales
Do. (New Issue) .....	24,000	\$15	\$7 1/2	.....	.....	Preferential of 7 per cent for 1904 .....	7 % \$14 1/2 sellers	
China-Borneo Company, Limited .....	60,000	\$12	\$12	none	Nil.	60 cents for 1903 .....	44 % Tls. 65 ex div.	
China Flour Mill Co., Limited .....	4,000	Tls. 50	Tls. 50	Tls. 30,000	Tls. 718	Tls. 1 for 1904 .....	74 % \$10	
China Light and Power Company, Limited .....	30,000	\$10	\$10	none	\$3,739	None .....	...	\$10
China Provident Loan & Mortgage Company, Ltd. ....	100,000	\$10	\$10	\$8,000	\$1,181	80 cents for 1904 .....	94 % \$8 1/2	
Dairy Farm Company, Limited .....	25,000	\$7 1/2	\$6	.....	.....	\$4 for year ending 31.7.1903 .....	...	\$13
E. L. Morden, Limited .....	7,000	Tls. 50	Tls. 50	none	Dr. Tls. 15,318	Tls. 5 for 1902 .....	...	Tls. 20 sales
Fraser and Neave, Limited .....	4,500	\$50	\$50	\$112,500	\$2,700	\$5 div. and \$2 1/2 bonus for 1903 .....	74 % \$26 sales	
Green Island Cement Company, Limited .....	100,000	\$10	\$10	\$400,000	\$95,054	\$2 for 1904 .....	74 % \$16 sales	
Do. (New Issue) .....	50,000	\$10	\$5	\$25,000	\$13,104	First Year .....	134 % \$23 buyers	
Hall & Holt, Limited .....	21,000	\$20	\$20	\$188,000	.....	Interim of \$1 .....	...	\$160 buyers
Hongkong & China Gas Company, Limited .....	7,000	£10	£10	{£23,109 £3,000}	£7,625	£1 div. and 2/- bonus for 1903 .....	74 % \$16 buyers	
Hongkong Electric Company, Limited .....	30,000	\$10	\$10	none	\$1,747	{£100 cents } for year ending 30.4.1904 .....	64 % \$10 buyers	
Hongkong High-Level Tramways Company, Ltd. ....	1,250	\$100	\$100	\$50,000	\$1,796	\$15 for year ending 30.11.1904 .....	5 % \$200 buyers	
Hongkong Ice Company, Limited .....	5,000	\$25	\$25	\$60,000	\$5,316	Final of \$13 making \$17 for 1904 .....	7 % \$245	
Hongkong Rope Manufacturing Company, Ltd. ....	10,000	\$50	\$50	\$50,000	\$8,395	\$10 for 1903 .....	64 % \$155 sellers	
Hongkong Steam Waterboat Company, Limited .....	15,000	\$10	\$10	\$2,500	\$299	{Final of 70 cts. and 50 cts. bonus making \$1.50 for the year ended 30.9.04 .....	10 % \$19	
Katz Brothers, Limited .....	10,000	\$100	\$100	\$475,000	\$21,405	\$8 for 1904 .....	6 % \$135 buyers	
Lane, Crawford & Co., Limited (Shanghai) .....	2,500	\$100	\$100	none	\$3,582	Interim of \$5 .....	8 % \$135 buyers	
Maatschappij tot Mijn. Bosch- en Landbouw- exploitatie in Langkat, Limited .....	25,000	Gs. 100	Gs. 100	{Tls. 528,210 Tls. 19,465}	Tls. 35,849	1st quarterly of Tls. 7 1/2 paid 15.3.05 .....	12 % Tls. 247 1/2 sellers	
Maynard and Company, Limited .....	3,400	\$10	\$10	none	.....	\$2 for year ended 31.10.1904 .....	9 % \$23 sales	
S. Moutrie & Company, Limited .....	4,000	\$50	\$50	\$5,000	\$832	{Final of \$3 making \$5 for the year ending 30.6.04 .....	9 % \$55 sales	
Shanghai & Hongkong Dyeing and Cleaning Co., Ltd.	1,200	\$50	\$50	None	Dr. \$5,537	None .....	...	\$50
Shanghai Gas Company, Limited .....	16,000	Tls. 50	Tls. 50	{Tls. 145,000 Tls. 108,172}	Tls. 8,011	Final of Tls. 5 making Tls. 4 1/2 for 1904 .....	74 % Tls. 112 sales	
Shanghai Horse Bazaar Company, Limited .....	5,400	Tls. 50	Tls. 50	Tls. 45,000	Tls. 10,247	Tls. 5 for 1903 .....	51 % Tls. 88 sales	
Shanghai Pulp and Paper Company, Limited .....	4,500	Tls. 100	Tls. 100	Tls. 25,000	Tls. 6,998	Final of Tls. 8 making Tls. 14 for 1904 .....	94 % Tls. 145 buyers	
Shanghai Waterworks Company, Limited .....	7,200	£20	£20	Tls. 140,000	Tls. 7,309	Interim of 15/- for 1904 .....	6 % Tls. 430 buyers	
Singapore Dispensary, Limited .....	600	\$50	\$50	\$20,000	\$1,769	\$4 for year ended 31.7.1904 .....	8 % \$80	
South China Morning Post, Limited .....	6,000	\$25	\$25	none	Dr. \$39,020	None .....	...	\$23 sales
Steam Laundry Company, Limited .....	5,000	\$5	\$5	none	\$3,644	{60 cents for year ended 31.10.04 First Year .....	8 1/2 % \$1 buyers	
Straits Ice Company, Limited .....	2,000	\$100	\$100	\$25,000	\$700	\$10 for second half-year 1904 .....	10 % \$150 sales	
Straits Trading Company, Limited .....	250,000	\$10	\$10	\$750,000 \$50,000	\$84,813	{£1 div. and 35 cents bonus for half year ended 30.9.1904 .....	64 % \$40 1/2 sales	
Tientsin Native City Waterworks Company, Ltd. ....	2,941	Tls. 100	Tls. 100	none	Tls. 2,015	Tls. 2 for half year .....	64 % Tls. 110	
Tientsin Waterworks Co. company, Limited .....	2,000	T.Tls. 100	T.Tls. 100	Tls. 15,259	Tls. 2,211	Final of Tls. 4 making Tls. 8 for 1904 .....	64 % Tls. 120	
United Asbestos Oriental Agency, Limited .....	9,000	\$10	\$10	\$20,000	\$480	{100 cents } for year ended 31.5.1904 .....	104 % \$180 buyers	
Do. (Founders) .....	100	\$10	\$10	\$4,000	\$1,043	\$1 for 1903 .....	124 % \$181 sellers	
Watkins, Limited .....	10,000	\$10	\$10	\$4,000	\$1,043	Final of 70 cents making \$1.40 for 1904 .....	94 % \$124 sellers	
William Powell, Limited .....	12,000	\$10	\$10	\$3,000	\$588	year ending 30.6.1904 .....	...	\$124 sellers